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The time period for reply, if any, is set in the attached communication.

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed: The examiner called Atty Holm in an attempt to seek agreement for making examiner's amendments in the independent claims because the examiner found that:

1) There exists a 35 USC 112-2nd paragraph problem of indefiniteness with each independent claim because one or more conditional limitations are not brought to a definite conclusion (with Cl. 12 as exemplary, limitation d) is left unresolved).

2) There exists a 35 USC 112-1st paragraph problem with the independent claims. With claim 12 as exemplary, the limitations of "by the programmed computer" introduced into limitations a), b) and c) by amendment in the most recent response do not appear to have support.

The parties discussed each of these issues. Atty Holm told the examiner that he was not prepared to properly consider these issues at this time and that the examiner should issue an office action containing these rejections and any 35 USC 101 rejections which the examiner may deem appropriate. The examiner will await Applicant's formal response to the office action being issued.